

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

Turning now to the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the inventions of Groups I-V are independent or distinct inventions for a variety of reasons. As such, the Examiner required a restriction for examination purposes.

As required under 35 USC §121, the Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, which is represented by Claims 1-34.

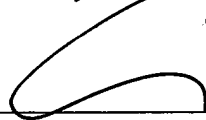
Concluding Remarks:

The Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the above comments and remarks, all Claims are now in allowable condition. The Applicant thus respectfully requests timely allowance of all of the pending Claims.

In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, or believes that a conversation with either Applicants or Applicants' representative would be beneficial the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 50-2691. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed. The petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-2691.

Respectfully submitted,



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